

2017 New England Regional Exhibition

GalleryDetails



First Prize

"No Left Turn," by Antonio Masi

Newport Art Museum, 76 Bellevue Avenue, Newport, RI
02840

NEWPORTARTMUSEUM.ORG

May 20, 2017—July 9, 2017

Congratulations to the Award Winners

JUROR OF SELECTION & AWARDS: Kathleen Conover

It is an honor and privilege to be this year's judge for the New England Watercolor Society. The selection from approximately 500 paintings down to 60 was very difficult! The resulting exhibit of paintings is an excellent representation of the best of contemporary watercolor in America today: skilled, confident, creative, and expressive. The exhibiting artists have pushed the boundaries of our materials, explored new avenues of expression, visually communicated concepts and shown us another view of our world. This is the best of contemporary painting in any medium.

The most difficult task in judging an exhibition is choosing awards. Acknowledging that judging art is unavoidably a subjective task, there is an important set of objective criteria I certainly look for: content, composition, uniqueness of vision and skillful handling of medium. Any painting that holds all these qualities is certainly an award winner. Congratulations to all the artists exhibiting in the News regional exhibition and especially to the ten award winners.

Kathleen Conover, 2017 juror of selection and awards

- **1st Prize** - "No Left Turn" by Antonio Masi
How can an image so abstracted be so real?! Large shapes and spaces, contrasted with fine lines and artist's marks, a blur of color, a smudge of grey ...morphs into a massive street overpass, suggestions of industrial "lacework" and, all of a sudden, I see a car in motion which was previously just a blurry shape. I am transformed onto a gritty, busy city street...I can almost hear the horns honk and echo underneath the steel structure. Antonio Masi's painting, "No left turn", has all the ingredients for Best of Show: content, strong composition, uniqueness of vision and perfected handling of the medium.

2nd Prize - "Dream Catcher" by James C. Varnum

Dream Catcher is a marvelously imaginative painting. It has wonderful energy and sense of motion that engages the viewer from across the room, then holds one's interest until, six inches away, we are being entertained by fine lines and details. This artist's individuality and expressiveness is refreshing.

- **3rd Prize - "I Heart NY" by June Webster**

Jewel colors, sparkling lights and dazzling reflections never made N.Y. City look so inviting. ... exaggeration of this night scene, in the rain, is a perfect vehicle to show off her strong personal style of painting, artistic vision and masterful handling of Watercolor. This painting sings! I guess it's "Singing in the rain!"

- **Marilyn Sabin Memorial Award-** *"Stacking Lobster Traps" by Michael E. Vermette*
- **Jerry's Artarama/Golden Artist Colors Award -** *"Harbor Reflections" by Patricia Cahalan*
- **Ruth Wynn Memorial Award -** *"But....She Looks Just Fine" by Beverly Hammerman*
- **Joe Savenor Memorial Award -** *"Elisa" by Joan Murphy*
- **The Tuttle-Robie Memorial Award -** *"Berkshire Light" by Marla Greenfield*
- **Image Resolutions Award -** *"Boxes 7pm" by Janet Laird-Lagassée*
- **Honorable Mention -** *"The Mooring" by Gary Smith*

2017 New England Regional Exhibition

[Gallery](#)

[Details](#)

i

Please click on a thumbnail to view the image at a larger scale. You can then use the 'Next' and 'Prev' controls to scroll through the large images in order, or 'Close' to return to the thumbnail gallery.



Lisa Bailey
Pedaling Memories



Brenda L. Bechtel
Memories of Infinitude



Anne Beinecke
Cricket



Anne Belson
The Wildflower Garden



Maureen Brookfield
Changing Sky



Gigi Burboeck
Bottles Bottles...



Patricia Cahalan
Harbor reflections



Sally Caswell
Evening Harmony



Anne Palms Chalmers
*Blue Ridge Skies,
Budding Out*



Kendra Conn
Morning



Christine Coombs
Passing By



Frank Costantino
*Sail Colors
Amidst the Blue*



Heather Crowley
Dare



Don Dalton
Osprey



Ann Trainor Domingue
We're In This Together



Joanne Donovan
*Castalia Odorato-
White Water Lily*



Gerarde Doucette
Homeland Security



Gary Eckhart
Left In The Cold



Erin Farley
The Plumber, Part Two



Sandra Fries
Whitewater



Maryann Goblick
Yellow Apples & Bittersweet



Marla Greenfield
Berkshire Light



Becky Haletky
Art Deco Gone Wild



Beverly Hammerman
But...She looks Fine



Jack Haran
Cadaques Street



Ann Hart
Probable Cause II



Yvonne Hemingway
English Sparrows



John Holladay
Lobster Traps



Peter Hussey
Municipal Lamp



Maya Katz
Coming Together



Janet Laird-Lagassée
Boxes, 7 PM



Leslie Landrigan
Boys of Summer



Bill Lane
Benefit with Friends



Carolyn Latanision
Bay of Naples



Steven Lush
Rockport Art Galleries



Donna MacLure
Strings



Stephen Manning
Summer Fun



Antonio Masi
No Left Turn



Craig Masten
Power Plant



Joan McPherson
Harley Power



Sally Meding
Equal on a Cellular Level



Maureen Mellowes
In the Bedroom



Sally Mitchell
From the Ship



Joan Murphy
Elisa



Robert Noreika
Sunset Lobstermen



Robert O'Brien
Brokedown Palace



Debra Petrowski
Fall Splendor



Ruth Ann Rego
Haki Brush



Harry Ruddock III
Bumpers and Bouys



Dawn Scaltreto
Wire Basket with Apples



Gary Smith
The Mooring



Mary Snowden
Geoff 2



Kathleen Staab
Kelly Jean



Bivenne Staiger
Oo la Zsa-Zsa!



Kristin Stashenko
Paris Waiter



John Tomasetti
Fenced In



James C. Varnum
Dream Catcher



Michael E. Vermette
*Stacking Lobster Traps,
Monhegan Island*



P. Anthony Visco
Food For Thought



June Webster

I Heart NY